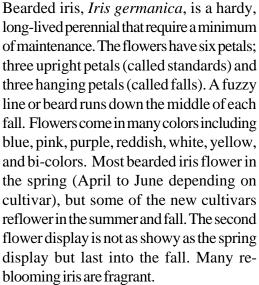


## BEARDED IRIS FOR THE HOME LANDSCAPE

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Bearded irises are classified into several types: miniature dwarf (height 8 inch or less, 1 to 2 inch diameter flowers), standard dwarf (height 8 to 15 inches), intermediate (height 16 to 27 inches), miniature tall (height 16 to 25 inches, small flowers), border (height 16 to 27 inches), and tall (height 28 to 38 inches). The shorter iris flower first, followed by the intermediate, and then the taller irises.

## **Cultivars**

There are thousands of bearded iris cultivars to choose from. Some of the best performing cultivars are listed below.

blooming iris are fragrant.

**Spring-flowering cultivars** 

Miniature Bantam (ruffled deep reddwarf iris purple), Scribe (white with

blue edging), Zipper (golden yellow with blue beards)

Standard Bay Ruffles (ruffled light dwarf iris blue), Software (pinkish cream

> edged in apricot), Starlight Waltz (ruffled cream), Violet Lulu (soft violet), Watercolor (yellow standards with brown

falls)

Intermediate Baby Blue Marine (light blue), Brighten Up (orange iris

with coral beards), Piece of Cake (pink with orchid markings), Red Zinger (deep red)

Miniature Chickee (ruffled deep

tall iris yellow), Disco Jewel (reddish-

brown with violet), Loreley (yellow and violet) New Wave (clear white), Rosemary's Dream (white and orchid)

Border iris Just Jennifer (white), Pink

> Bubbles (pink), Predictions (pink standards with falls),

Tulare (yellow)

Tall iris Beverly Sills (pink), Crystal

> Glitters (cream and peach), Darkside (purple), Fringe Benefits (orange), Lullaby of Spring (yellow and lavender), Silver Fizz (orchid), Spinning Wheel (blue standards), Venus and

Mars (violet)

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